

HOUSE BILL 825

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Right to Farm**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Anne Arundel County to adopt
4 an ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take other action to protect a person's
5 right to farm or engage in agricultural or forestry operations; requiring the
6 County Council to hold a public hearing and provide reasonable notice of the
7 hearing before adopting a certain ordinance, resolution, or regulation; and
8 generally relating to the authority of the County Council of Anne Arundel
9 County to protect a person's right to farm.

10 BY adding to
11 Article 25 - County Commissioners
12 Section 237
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

18 237.

19 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
20 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR
21 REGULATION OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSIDERS
22 NECESSARY TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO FARM OR ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL
23 OR FORESTRY OPERATIONS.

24 (B) BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION OR
25 TAKING OTHER ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY
26 COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF
27 THE HEARING.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2004.